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Jan. 1 Is Unemployment Date

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If you're a Federal employe, and if next Jan. 1 should find you out of work, the chances are strong you will be able to qualify for unemployment compensation.

Jan. 1, 1955, is the effective date of new Administration-sponsored law which extended unemployment insurance to Government workers.

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And most of the 40,000 who, it's estimated, will be out of work on that date automatically will qualify for the same compensation paid non-Government employes in their own states. Most will qualify but not all—because a majority of states begin compensation payments only after the individual has been out of work a full week.

Eligibility for compensation, the amount, and the duration vary from state to state.

In most states, however, all three are determined partly by the individuals earnings during a 12-month base period preceding his unemployment—and partly by his earnings during his best-paid quarter of the base period.

Here are the things District, Virginia and Maryland Federal employes will want to know about the unemployment compensation laws of their own jurisdictions.

THE DISTRICT

Duration of payments—11 to 26 weeks, depending on employe's earnings during his base period.

Amount of payments—$8 to $30 per week, depending on employe's earnings during the best-paid quarter of his base period. In addition, individuals drawing unemployment compensation of less than $30 per week will get $1 for each dependent.

Base period—the first four of the five quarters immediately preceding the application for unemployment compensation. Example: the individual who went on the unemployment compensation rolls in January, 1955, would have his payments based on his earnings during the 12 months immediatly preceding Oct. 1, 1955.

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the base period, and at least $667.01 during the best quarter.

MARYLAND

Duration—7 to 26 weeks, depending on earnings during base period.

Amount—From minimum of $6 per week for individual without dependents and $8 for individual with dependents to maximum of $30, with payments calculated on earnings during best-paid quarter of base period.

Base period—For those going on the rolls after April 1 of any year, the base period is the preceding calendar year. Example: An employe going on the rolls in January, 1955, would have his compensation based on his 1953 earnings. For those going on the rolls after April 1, 1955, the base period would be Calendar 1954.

Minimum eligibility—To qualify for minimum benefits an individual must have earned at least $180 in the base period, and at least $156 in the best quarter of the period.

Maximum eligibility—In order to qualify for maximum payments and maximum duration, employe must have earned at least $3118 during the base period, and at least $779.50 in the best quarter.

VIRGINIA

Duration—6 to 16 weeks, depending on base period earnings.

Amount—$6 to $24 per week, depending on earnings during b[...] quarter of base period.

Base period—For those going [...] the rolls after May 1 of any ye[...] the base period is the precedi[...] calendar year. Except for t[...] change, the typical example th[...] works exactly as that given abo[...] for Maryland.

Minimum eligibility—To qual[...] for minimum benefits, individ[...] must have earned at least $100 d[...]ing the base period and $156 dur[...] the best quarter of the base peri[...]

Maximum eligibility—To qua[...] for maximum benefits and ma[...]mum duration, individual must h[...] earned at least $1488 during [...] base period and $575 during [...] best quarter.

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